

Program Will Help Jumpstart the Economy, Save Consumers Money, Promote Energy Efficiency

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(Chicago, IL) - Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) applauds the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds for the ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program in Illinois.

"The ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program will help jumpstart the economy while saving consumers money and promoting energy efficiency," Gutierrez said. "The partnership between the federal government and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity allows these funds to be spent in a way that will be truly beneficial to Illinois, the economy, the environment, and the people of Chicago."

On April 16, 2010 at 8a.m., local time, the State of Illinois will kick-off Phase II of the ENERGY STAR Appliance Rebate Program. This much anticipated program provides a 15 percent (up to \$400) point-of-sale rebate on the following ENERGY STAR qualified appliances: clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, and room air conditioners. Participating retailers will operate the program from 8a.m. to 9p.m., from Friday April 16th through Sunday April 25th or until funds are exhausted. For more information or a list of participating providers please go

to the [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity](#) website.

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